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INVESTITURE OF HIS MAJESTY WILLIAM, KING OF PRUSSIA,  
WITH THE ENSIGNS AND HABIT OF THE MOST NOBLE ORDER OF THE  
GARTER.

*Berlin, March 7, 1861.*

**T**HE QUEEN, Sovereign of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, having been pleased, by a Commission under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual and the Great Seal of the Order, to constitute and appoint the Most Honourable John Marquess of Breadalbane, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary, on a Special Mission to this Court, and Sir Charles George Young, Knight, Garter King of Arms, to be Her Majesty's Plenipotentiaries for Investing His Majesty William, King of Prussia, with the Ensigns and Habit of that Most Noble Order, They proceeded to this City with their respective Suites, and arrived on the 28th February ultimo.

On the 2nd instant, the Marquess of Breadalbane was honoured with an audience of His Majesty at the Palace, after which, Garter, and the respective Suites were presented.

The requisite arrangements for the Investiture having been made, His Majesty was pleased to appoint Wednesday the 6th instant, for that purpose, on which day at four o'clock, the several persons appointed to take part in the Ceremony assembled at the residence of the Marquess of Breadalbane, and from thence proceeded to the Royal Palace or Schloss, in the following Order :—

Two Outriders of the Royal Household in State Liveries.

A Royal State Carriage, conveying two Gentlemen.

A Royal State Carriage, conveying two Gentlemen.

A Royal State Carriage, conveying three Gentlemen.

A Royal State Carriage, drawn by Six Horses, conveying  
Her Majesty's Plenipotentiaries.

Two Outriders of the Royal Household, as before.

Upon arriving at the Schloss, the Mission was received by the Seneschal de Roeder, and conducted to the Grand Apartments, lined by the Garde du Corps, and thence, by the Marshal Comte Puckler, to the Chamber of the Black Eagle (Schwarze Adler Kammer), where it waited until the Grand Master of the Ceremonies, Stillfried, Comte d'Alcantara, and the Grand Marshal of the Court, Comte de Keller, announced the King's readiness for its reception in the Salle Blanche.

The Procession being formed, advanced into the Royal Presence in the following Order :—

Robert Burnet D. Morier, Esq., First Attaché to the Britannic Legation, carrying the Book of Statutes on a Velvet Cushion.

William Lowther, Esq., Secretary to the Britannic Legation, carrying the Sword of the Order in like manner.

Major-General Lord Frederic Paulet, C.B., carrying the Hat and Star of the Order in like manner.

Viscount Hinchinbrook, carrying the Collar of the Order in like manner.

Edward Stephen Dendy, Esq., Chester Herald, in his Tabard and Collar of S.S., and bearing the Garter and Riband and George, in like manner.

William Courthope, Esq., Somerset Herald, Secretary to the Commission, in his Tabard and Collar of SS., and carrying in his hand the Sovereign's Commission.

The Honourable Hussey Crespigny Vivian, Secretary to the Special Mission, bearing the Mantle and Cordon of the Order on a Velvet Cushion.

Sir Charles George Young, Knight, Garter King of Arms, in his Mantle, Chain, and Badge, bearing his Sceptre, and the Sovereign's Letters of Credence.

The Most Honourable John, Marquess of Breadalbane, K.T., Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary, on a Special Mission.

Advancing into the Royal Presence with due reverences, the Mission was received by His Majesty upon His Throne.

On the right of the Throne stood His Royal Highness the Crown Prince, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, in his Mantle and Collar, and on either side thereof stood the Great Officers of the Court and Aides-de-Camp of the King.

The Gentlemen bearing the Insignia divided to the right and left, the Plenipotentiaries advancing between them, the Secretary to the Commission, Somerset Herald, remaining near to the Plenipotentiaries to deliver to them the Insignia.

After a short pause, the Marquess of Breadalbane addressed His Majesty, declaring the object of the Mission, to which His Majesty most graciously replied; Garter then delivered to his Lordship the Letters of Credence, which his Lordship presented to the King, who gave the same to Baron de Schleinitz, Minister for Foreign Affairs: The Statutes were in like manner presented and delivered by His Majesty to Comte de Redern, Grand Seneschal of the Court. The Commission was next presented, and read by the Baron de Schleinitz, when it was returned to Garter. The Garter was next delivered to the Marquess of Breadalbane, who buckled the same round His Majesty's left leg, Garter reading the Admonition. His Majesty was then invested with the Riband and George, Garter reading the Admonition.

The King then delivered his Sword to his Aide-de-Camp, General Alvensleben, which Garter received and retained as an ancient fee appertaining to his office: His Majesty was then invested with the Sword of the Order. His Majesty being then divested of the Riband and George, which was received by the Grand Master of the Wardrobe, Garter presented to the Marquess of Breadalbane the Mantle with which the Plenipotentiaries invested His Majesty, and immediately afterwards with the Collar of the Order. The Marquess of Breadalbane next presented the Hat, and lastly the Star of the Order.

The Ceremony of Investiture being concluded, the Plenipotentiaries, with their respective Suites, making their reverences, withdrew from the Royal Presence, and were reconducted to the Schwarze Adler Kammer.

The Ceremony was witnessed by Her Majesty the Queen; their Royal Highnesses the Prince Royal of Prussia; the Prince Charles of Prussia; the Prince Frederic Charles of Prussia; the Prince Albert (son) of Prussia; the Prince George of Prussia; the Prince Adalbert of Prussia; His Highness Prince (Charles Antoine) of Hohenzollern Sigmaringen; their Serene Highnesses the Hereditary Prince of Hohenzollern Sigmaringen and the Prince Charles of Hohenzollern Sigmaringen; their Royal Highnesses the Princess Royal of Prussia (Princess Royal of Great Britain); the Princess Charles of Prussia; the Princess Frederic Charles of Prussia; the Princess Louise of Prussia; the Princess Alexandrine of Prussia; Her Highness the Princess (Charles Antoine) of Hohenzollern Sigmaringen; His Royal Highness the Prince Augustus of Würtemberg; His Highness Prince Louis of Hesse (Grand Ducal); their Serene Highnesses Prince Chrétien of Schleswig Holstein Sonderbourg Augustenbourg; the Prince George of Schwarzbourg Rudolstadt; the Prince Henry XIII de Reuss Schleiz Koestritz; the Prince Henry LXXIV de Reuss Schleiz Koestritz; the Prince Henry IX de Reuss Schleiz Koestritz; with many other persons of distinction; the Ministers of State; General Officers and Aides-de-Camp of the King; Lord Augustus Loftus, Her Britannic Majesty's Resident Minister at the Court of Berlin, with the Members of the British Legation.

A splendid Banquet was afterwards given, at which The King appeared, wearing the Ensigns of the Order. During the dinner His Majesty drank to the health of the Sovereign, Queen Victoria, and the Marquess of Breadalbane afterwards drank to the health of His Majesty the King of Prussia, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

After the Banquet their Majesties held a circle. The Mission during its residence at Berlin was honoured with the most marked attention and condescension by their Majesties and the whole of the Royal Family.

CHAS. GEO. YOUNG,  
*Garter.*

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